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(B) INCIDENT OFF ALGECIRAS

- 1. FOLLOWING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING AUGUST 17,
 APPOINTMENT OF RFIME DE PINIES AS AMBASSADOR TO UN WAS
 ANNOUNCED. PINIES, CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR IN LONDON SINCE
 MARCH, 1972, REPRESENTED SPAIN AT UN DURING AGRESSIVE PRE-1970
 PHASE OF GOS GIBRALTAR POLICY. REASSIGNMENT TO NEW YORK IS
 SEEN HERE AS EVIDENCE GOS INTENDS REVITALIZE ITS UN
 ACTIVITIES ON ROCK ISSUE AND UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL
 INITIATIVES AGAINST UK IN THAT FORUM.
- 2. MEANWHILE, MFA REJECTED BRITISH EMBASSY PROTEST OVER ATTEMPT BY SPANISH CUSTOMS LAUNCH TO STOP BRITISH-FLAG YACHT "PASADENA" ON AUG 16. SPANISH REPORTS SAY "PASADENA", IN SPANISH WATERS OFF ALGECIRAS, IGNORED LAUCACH'S SIGNALS AND WARNING SHOTS. INSTEAD OF STOPPING FOR SEARCH FOR SUSPECTED CONTRABAND, "PASADENA" RACED TO REFUGE IN GIBRALTAR.

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3. IN ANOTHER AREA OF SPAIN-UK RELATIONS, SPANISH PRESS REPORTED FULLY ON GOS PURCHASE OF CARRIER AIRCRAFT FROM US AND ON LABOR PARTY PROTEST OF SALE.

4. COMMENT: REAPPOINTMENT OF PINIES TO UN AND YACHT INCIDENT PROVIDE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF NEW TENSION NOW CHARACTERIZING GOS-HMG RELATIONS. TENSION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE, BROUGHT ON BY INITIATIVES OF GOS AS PARTY INTERESTED IN CHANGING STATUS QUO. RIVERO

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